

responsible - If the sets cannot be sold, they will at least be of use to the botanical world - The ten thousand specimens I have just distributed could not have been obtained of others! That idea counts me \$1000. & the few dollars I receive now & then of the ordinary, commonplace sort, added to that amount, make up quite a respectable income for one whose chief pleasure is in the sweat of his brow - But there are not many at the South who view the matter in that light - During ten years of active exchanging, I obtained a far greater number of plants from Japan, from the Sandwich Isds., from Siberia, from Africa, from Australia, & from Nova Zembla, than I did from all the Southern States!! The same is the case, doubtless, with most herbalists; but it need not be so long if you will tell them how I desire to serve them!

Yours very truly, A. H. Curtis

Near Jacksonville, Fla.
March 25, 1878.

Prof. A. Gray:

Dear Sir - I have to-day shipped a box to you, which will probably reach Boston the last day of this month. Besides the package for you, which is not wrapped, are pkgs. for Profs. Sargent & Parlow (of which they are notified), 3 pkgs. for Prof. Maximowicz, and last but not least (except that I am least warranted in sending them) ^{intended for European distribution} ten of my fascicles. - It is so difficult to "bring things about" that I concluded I would send them over there and trust Prof. Maximowicz (in whom I have perfect confidence) to get them into the hands of purchasers when the latter are found. Prof. M. will at least send them to some agent in Berlin, which is scarcely

further from St. Petersburg than Chicago
is from New York. I do this supposing
it will occasion you no more trouble
than the sending of Dr. Palmer's package
alone, and that you can pack his
plants in my box - Any expenses you
may incur in my behalf I will
refund to you - As to Dr. Maximowicz
he can deduct the portion of the freight
chargeable to me from the amt. due
for the plants sent him. But if you
know of any better method of managing
my plants, I will thank you to use
your discretion. I was anxious, at
least, to get the plants away from
here, where they are in great danger
from vermin - quadruped & polyiped -
from mould & fire - especially if
I leave home for a term of months.

My subscriptions in this country
have been so few that I shall have
to look to Europe for means to carry
out my plan - If I can dispose of

ten fascicles I shall be all right -

One leading expense is the care of my
place while I am away -

In making up Fasc. I. I have used
those sps. of which I could give
liberally, & which were, at the same
time, strictly southern. If fr. or fls.
are lacking in one set they are in
all, & will be supplied as additions
to future fasciculi - The only difference
is in Fasces. 11 (yours) & 1, which con-
tain a great deal of fragmentary
material (for dissection) - Fasces. 11 & 1
(the latter in light-colored paper) are as
nearly alike as can be, except that
yours contains many extra things
which I send for your examination.
I would be glad if you would put
F. 1 in the hands of some one who
needs material for actual work.
Use your discretion about the
management of the acts, & if any
mischaps occur I will not hold you